FOR MYSORE STATE

H.E.L.A. (195 s) Department.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Legislative Assembly Question - Starred - Libraries - Aided - South Kanara District - Number of libraries subsidised by Government - Subsidy paid during 1953-54 - Papers recorded.

LEGISLATURE (ASSEMBLY) SECRETARIAT.

20-12-1954.

STARRED:

SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR, M.L.A.

HEALTH, EDUCATION AND LOCAL ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT.

Q.No.1925.

Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state:

(a) the number of libraries functioning in South Kanara subsidised by the Government; and

(b) the total subsidy given

Memo No: 1105 Est 55-1, dated 19/53

Sub: L.A.Q. No 1925 (Starred) - Number of libraries in S. Kanara subsidised by the Govt - Total subsidy for 1953-54 - Particulars re

Ref L.A.Q No 1925 (Starred)

A Copy of the L.A. Question cited is forwarded to the D.P.I. He is requested to submit at an early date the particulars necessary for answering

Memo No 1105 ES/55-2 Edn. dt 22.2.55

Sub: L.A question No 1925 (starred) re. 1 libraries in S. Kanara subsidised by the Govt. — Total Subsidy for the year 1953-54 Particulars.

Ref: Govt memo 1105 ES/55-1

The D.P.I is requested to expedite his reply to the Govt memo 2b

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EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

To

Director of Public Libraries,
M A D R A S

The Secretary to Government,
Health, Education and Local
Administration Department.
Madras.

L.Dis.onc.No.23 J1/55, dated 22-2-55.

Sub: Legislative Assembly Question No.1925 (Starred)-Number of libraries in South Kanara District - Subsidised by Government Total subsidy during 1953-54 - particulars regarding.
Ref: Government Memo No.1105 E5/55-1, Edn. dated 19-1-55.

The questions are answered as follows:

(a) The number of libraries in South Kanara District subsidised Government during 1953-54 is as follows

Cooperative and Private management libraries	22	at Rs.95/-
Panchayat libraries	60	at Rs.40/-
Gramasangam libraries	31	at Rs.25/-

(b) The total subsidy sanctioned in the year 1953-54 is Rs.5905- ount was paid as grant to the libraries referred to in para (a) :ludes a sum of Rs.640 sanctioned towards payment of lapsed and ants due for 1952-53 on behalf of 17 libraries.

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(a) The no of libraries in the South Kanara Dt., subsidised by the Govt., is 113.

(b) The total expenditure incurred

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

LEGISLATURE (ASSEMBLY) SECRETARIAT

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

LEGISLATURE (ASSEMBLY) QUESTION.

29-12-1954.

SRI K. KADAYAKAN NAMBIAR, M.L.A.

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Will the Honourable the Minister for Finance be pleased to state:

(a) the number of libraries in South Kanara subsidised by the Government; and

(b) the total subsidy given in the year 1953-54?

NOTE FOR ANSWERING SUPPLEMENTARIES.

The Government have been sanctioning the payment, every year, from State funds, of grants to public libraries maintained by District Boards, Municipal Councils, Panchayats, Cooperative Societies Private managements and Grama Sangams. The amount of grants provided, for the purpose, from the year 1949-50 to 1954-55 are as follows:-

	Libraries under Dt. Boards, Ml. Cls. and Private associations.	Libraries under Panchayats and Grama Sangams
	Rs	Rs
1949-50	46,000	54,000
1950-51	46,000	54,000
1951-52	(Total amount sanctioned)	1,14,000
1952-53	-do-	65,000
1953-54	-do-	60,000
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During 1952-53, the Government sanctioned only a sum of Rs.65,000/- and the payment of grants to the libraries under the management of District Boards and Municipal Councils was discontinued from ~~xxxx~~ that year. The idea underlying this decision to discontinue the payment of grant to these libraries was that the Local Bodies, which derived income by taxation from the Public, should meet the expenditure on the maintenance of the Libraries under their management. Further, according to the orders issued in G.O.Ms.No.1840, Edn. dated 1-8-1953, the management of the District Board and Municipal Libraries will have to be taken over gradually by the Local Library Authorities concerned.

Libraries,

(a) upto 1951-52 and (b) in 1952-53 and 1953-54:-

	Rates of grant allowed.	
	Upto 1951-52.	In 1952-53 & 1953-54.
	1. Rs	2. Rs
(i) Libraries under private management and Cooperative Societies.	150	95
(ii) Libraries under Panchayats.	65	40
(iii) Libraries under Grama Sangams.	40	25

During the year 1952-53, grants had to be paid at the reduced rates mentioned in column 2 above, owing to the fact that an allotment of Rs.65,000/- was sanctioned by Government, as against a provisio of Rs.1,14,000/- required by the Director of Public Libraries. The same reduced rates were adopted for the purpose of payment of grants for 1953-54 also. For 1954-55 also, those rates have been ordered to be followed.

3. Under rule 17 of the M.P.L. Rules, 1950, Director of Public Libraries maintains a register of libraries which are to be aided from State funds To become eligible for entry into this register, th managements of libraries should satisfy the followi requirements:-

(1) The library shall be kept open free o charge to the public of the locality for consultati of reading and kindred materials within the premise without any restriction except those relating to pr behaviour, public health and conformity to the rule of the library which have received the approval of the Director;

(2) The library shall be kept open for us by the public for not less than 30 hours in a week, shall have a minimum average daily attendance to be fixed by the Director, shall be located in a place to all communities and shall not be removed to any place inaccessible to any community without the

(3) The library shall have books and not merely newspapers and current periodicals;

(4) The indents for books, magazines and journals to be purchased for libraries shall receive the prior approval of the Local Library Authority. The books, magazines and journals to be purchased shall conform to the requirements mentioned below:-

(a) They shall be of general interest and of cultural value;

(b) The books, if they are stories or novels, by standard authors and shall not be in doubtful taste;

(c) Books, magazines and journals abusing communities or religions shall not be purchased; and

(d) Books, magazines and journals which are in doubtful taste or which contain undesirable pictures shall not be purchased.

(5) A separate register for books and for members, shall be maintained in each library;

(6) The library shall lend books for use outside the library premises on conditions approved by the Director and the number of books so lent in a year shall not be less than a minimum to be fixed by the Director;

(7) The library shall have an adequate staff to administer its affairs according to the standard fixed by the Director;

(8) The library shall be located in a building of its own with the necessary fittings and furniture to the satisfaction of the Director, who shall give advi-
each case;

(9) The library, if it is one maintained by a gramasangam or a private agency in a village with a population of over 5,000 or in an urban area, shall have a capital fund of Rs.3,000/- and a minimum annual income of Rs.200/- derived from the capital fund and other sources taken together but excluding the Government grant

library maintained by the panchayat or a co-operative society will not come within the scope of this sub-rule

ny existing library which does not ave the capital fund and the mini-um annual income fixed under this ub-rule, shall be allowed a period f five years from the 1st April 953 to raise the same".

ibrary shall be owned and managed d by the Director or a person and the copy of its constitution be filed with the Director or

As already pointed out only an allotment of Rs.65,0(was made in the year 1952-53 for payment of grants to the aided libraries; but the Director considered this allotment insufficient for the purpose and he, therefore, requested that the allotment might be enhanced. In view of the financial stringency, the Government declined to comply with the Director's request, and in view of the need for economising expenditure from State funds, they ordered that newl opened libraries need not be admitted to aid from S funds during 1952-53 and 1953-54. In view of thes orders, libraries which were opened by Private manag ments after 1-4-1952, were not included in the regis of aided libraries for the purpose of payment of grant for the years 1952-53 and 1953-54. No orders so far, been issued regarding the recognition of the newly opened libraries for aid from State funds for the current year and the Director has not also addressed the Government in the matter. As onl a sum of Rs.60,000/- has been allotted for the payme of grants for 1954-55, the amount will not be sufficient to make grants to all the libraries (old and newly opened after 1-4-1952) and consequently the newly opened libraries cannot be admitted to aid for the current year also.

4. In the South Kanara Dt. 113 libraries were in receipt of Govt. grants during 1953-54 as indicated below:-

Cooperative and private management libraries.	22	22.
Panchayat libraries		60.
Grama Sangam libraries		31
Total		113

An expenditure of Rs.5,905/- was incurred during 1953-54 on payment of grants to these libraries.

This includes a sum of Rs.640/- sanctioned towards payment of lapsed and arrear grants due for 1952-53 on behalf of 17 libraries.

THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 29th MARCH 1955.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, Madras, at half past eight of the clock, Mr.Speaker (The HON.SRI J.SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

I. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

STARRED QUESTIONS.

*Qn.No.1677. Answered.

SRI M.NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state:-

(a) the number of libraries in South Kanara subsidised by the Government; and
(b) the total subsidy given in the year 1953-54?

THE HON.SRI C.SUBRAMANIAM: (a) the number of libraries in the South Kanara District subsidised by the Government is 113.

(b) The total expenditure incurred on the payment of grants to the libraries during 1953-54 was Rs.5,905/-

SRI M.NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Sir, may I know whether it is the policy of the Government to grant subsidies only to libraries that are registered or to grant subsidies to all libraries that are not registered but are maintained properly?

THE HON.SRI C.SUBRAMANIAM: Sir, it is governed by the rules. Unless the conditions prescribed under the rules are satisfied we cannot grant subsidies. It is governed by G.O. No.1840 dated 1-8-53. I am sorry that is not the G.O., Sir. There is some other order previous to it.

SRI M.NARAYANA KURUP: Sir, may I know whether, according to the Government Order, a library has to be registered under the Societies Registration Act of 1860?

THE HON.SRI C.SUBRAMANIAM: That is not necessary, Sir.

SRI T.C.NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Will the Government consider the necessity of revising the recent instructions that they have issued to the library authorities to grant a day's holiday So far as Malabar is concerned, I think they have declared Saturday as the holiday? May I know whether the Government will be prepared to see that no holiday was given so far as the libraries are concerned and at the same time also see that the library workers' interests are not affected by appointing more workers?

THE HON.SRI C.SUBRAMANIAM: Sir, I do not see any difficulty in giving a ~~week~~ holiday for the libraries. They may close on a working day when the libraries may not fully utilised. So, I do not think we should increase the number of workers for that purpose and deny them a holiday.

SRI M.P.SUBRAMANIAM: Sir, the Hon.Minister said that a sum of Rs.5,905/- was granted as subsidy. May I know whether this sum was granted for the purchase of books or by way of recurring expenditure?

THE HON.SRI C.SUBRAMANIAM: For meeting recurring expenditure, Sir.

SRI M.NARAYANA KURUP: May I know whether such subsidies are granted on a uniform scale or whether there are different ~~grant~~ grades?

THE HON.SRI C.SUBRAMANIAM: Sir, there are different grades. For libraries under private managements and co-operative societies after 1952-53, the grant allowed is Rs.95/-, for libraries under Panchayats it is Rs.40/- and for libraries run by grama sanghams it is Rs.25/-.